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Book I, Part II

It is a period of opportunity. In a galaxy oppressed by the cruelty of Imperial forces, there is little hope for the future. But for those used to operating on the fringes, there is potential for profit.

Having successfully faked her own death at Darth Vader's hands, rogue archaeologist Doctor Aphra is back to doing what she does best: locating and liberating rare artifacts. By her side are a pair of homicidal droids and Wookiee bounty hunter Black Krrsantan, looking to collect on Aphra's debts.

A valuable find has Aphra feeling pretty good. With her archaeology accreditation, she'll be able to sell the relic for its true value—but soon finds that her doctorate has been temporarily revoked. Even worse, the man behind Aphra's suspension is her own father....

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Eighteen
Years
Ago...



APHRA?!

WH-WHAT
HAVE YOU
DONE?!



WRONG
QUESTION,
DAD.

"WHY ARE
YOU HERE?
WHERE'S
MOM?"



I'M HERE
BECAUSE THE
NICE IMPERIALS
DROPPED ME
HOME!

MOM'S DEAD
IN A DITCH ON
THAT ALIEN WORLD SHE
TOOK US TO WHEN SHE
LEFT YOU FOR BEING
OBSESSED BY OLD
DUMB STUFF!



OH--THE
PSYCHOLOGIST
SAYS I MAY HAVE
SOME ISSUES.

FAIR
TO WARN
YOU.

Now...



WHAT
HAVE YOU
DONE,
DAD?!



NO, THAT'S
NOT THE
QUESTION.
IT'S WHAT
YOU'VE
DONE.

I'VE DISCOVERED
YOU PLACED THE
SYMBIOTES ON BOOTHII XII.
I'VE LEAKED JUST ENOUGH SO
THE BOARD'S EXPLORING
THE POSSIBILITY...

YOU KNOW
THERE'S STILL **HUNDREDS**
OF ACADEMICS WORKING
THERE TRYING TO FIND AN
EXPLANATION?

AND THEY'RE
MAKING EXTREMELY
IMPRESSIVE FINDS
ABOUT ANCIENT
CATTLE-HERDING
METHODOLOGY!

YOU DIDN'T HAVE
TO ACTUALLY LEAK
ANYTHING.

I'D HAVE
HELPED YOU OUT
IF YOU JUST MADE
THE THREAT.

MASTER
APHRA...
REALLY?



OKAY, I
WOULDN'T
HAVE, BUT
STILL!

...WHAT
IS IT YOU
ACTUALLY NEED
ME TO DO?

PLEASE, JUST
PLEASE DON'T SAY
IT'S ANYTHING TO
DO WITH THE ORDU
ASPECTU.

IT'S
THE ORDU
ASPECTU.



COME ON, DARLING. YOU HAVE LIVED A DANGEROUS LIFE, BUT THIS IS A REAL CHANCE TO GIVE BEAUTY BACK TO THE UNIVERSE.

THIS IS A CHANCE TO MAKE GOOD...



OKAY. LET'S GET BACK TO THE ARK ANGEL II AND TALK THIS OVER.

WE CAN COME TO AN UNDERSTANDING.



OKAY, HERE'S MY UNDERSTANDING...



...YOU'RE GOING TO TELL ME WHAT YOU'VE GOT AND HOW I CAN MAKE THIS ALL DISAPPEAR...







IT'S ALL ABOUT THE COORDINATES AND THE MASSASSI. YOU SEE--

BLEEP!



GGRHHHKKK!

**BLEEP!
BLEEP!
BLEEEEEEP!**



YES, EXACTLY. MAY I ECHO MY COLLEAGUES...

...WHO ARE THE ORDU ASPECTU?



I'M UNFAMILIAR WITH THE NAME. ORDU SUGGESTS A JEDI INFLUENCE, BUT...

THEY'RE ANCIENT, ANCIENT HISTORY.

I'LL EXPLAIN LATER. YOU'RE GOING TO SET HIM--

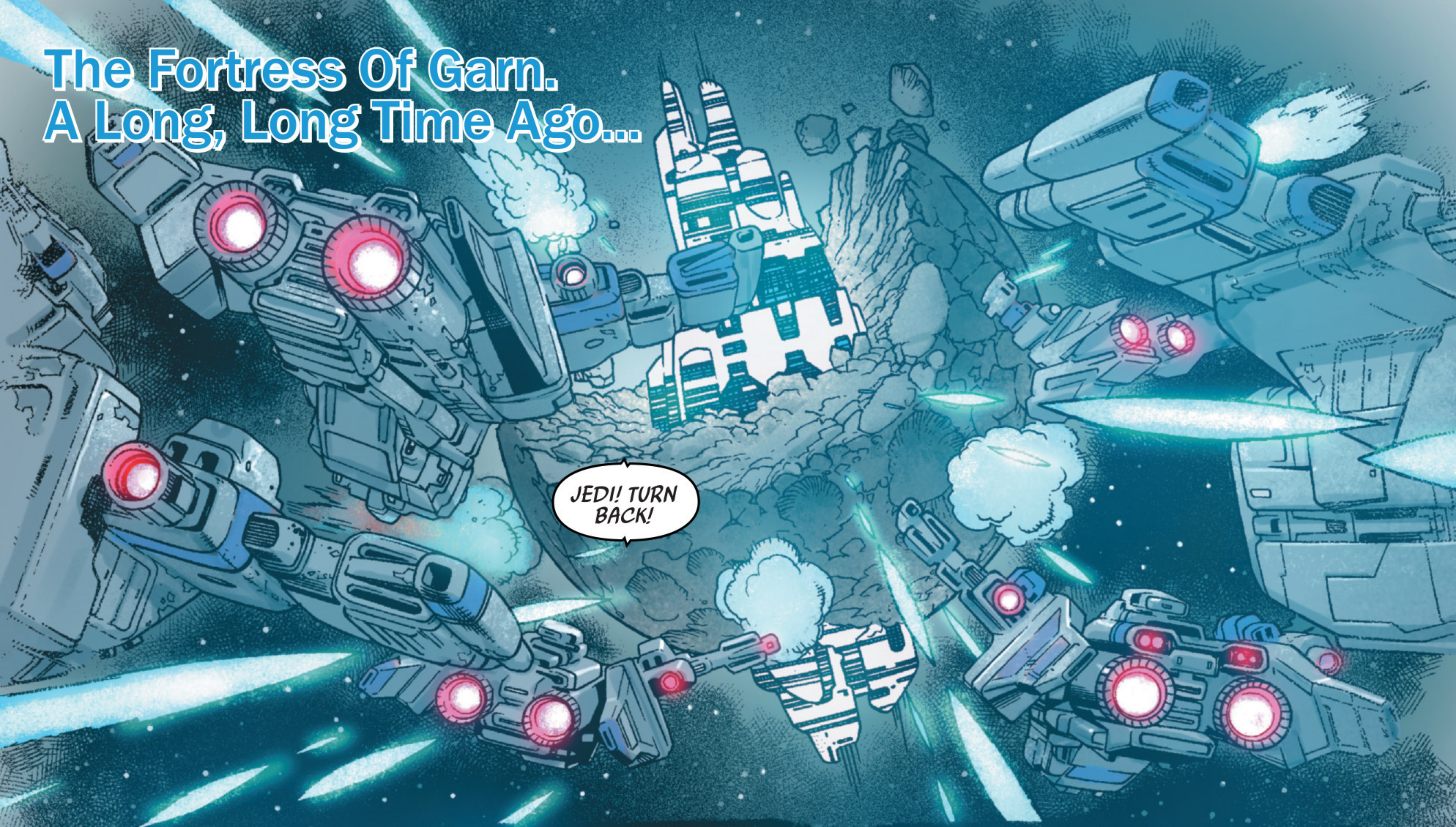
OH, LISTEN, BRAVE DROID!



IGNORE LITTLE BOOP!

LET ME TELL YOU OF THE DOOM OF THE ORDU ASPECTU...

The Fortress Of Garn.
A Long, Long Time Ago...



JEDI! TURN
BACK!



THE ORDU
ASPECTU DESPISE
VIOLENCE!

RUR!



THE JEDI
HAVE BREACHED
THE FORTRESS.

WE
MUST DEPLOY
FORCE.

AYE--BUT
NOT LETHAL
FORCE.

LIFE IS WHAT
MATTERS. WE SEEK
THE LIFE ETERNAL--
WE CANNOT CAST
OTHERS INTO THE
VOID ALONG
THE WAY.



BAW BOOM



YOUR
HERESY IS
OVER.

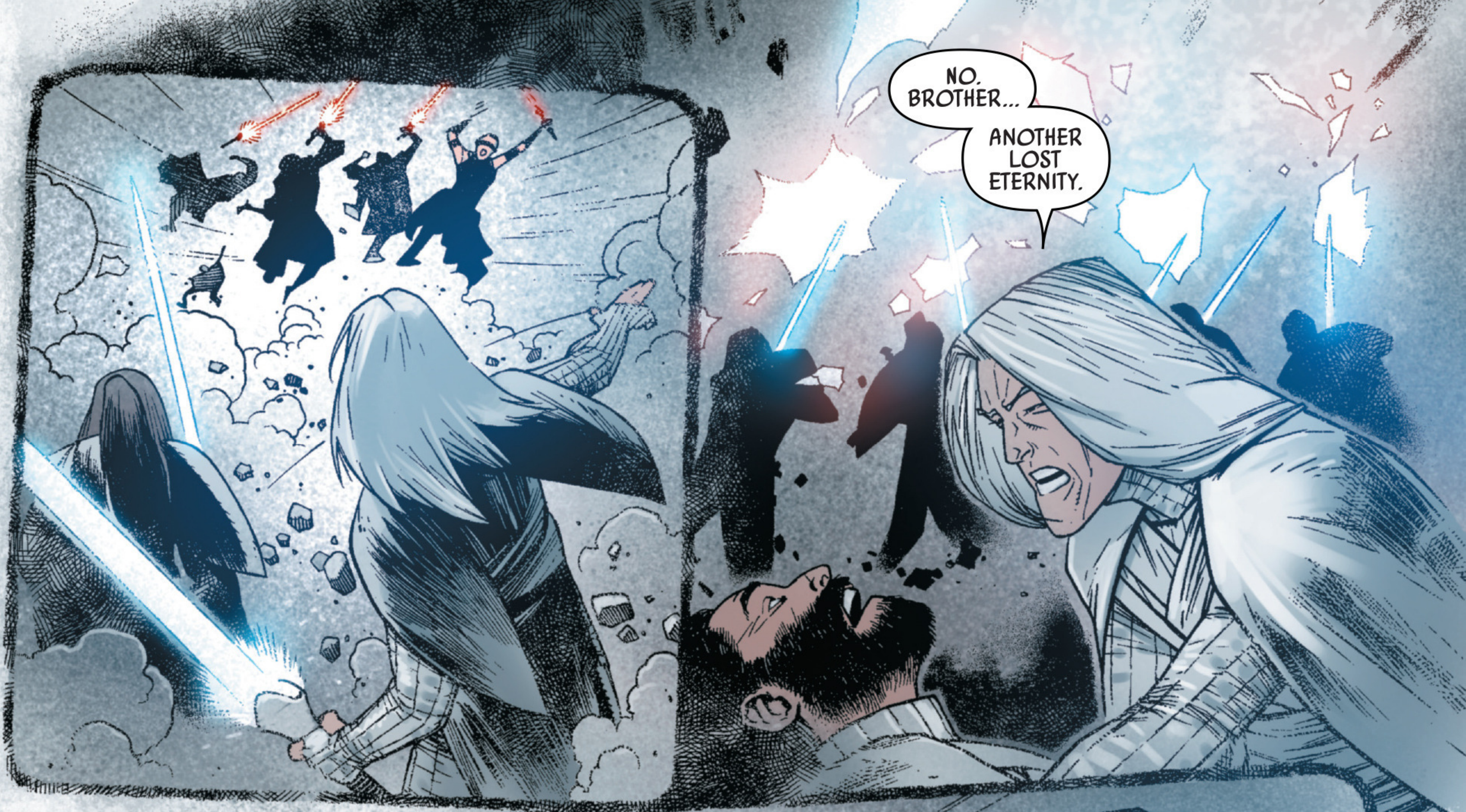
HERESY?
JEDI ALWAYS SEEK
IMMORTALITY.

WE ARE
TRYING TO
SAVE US
ALL!

THIS
IS AN OLD
DEBATE...

THE JEDI
DO *MANY*
THINGS. THEY DO
NOT *JUST* SEEK
IMMORTALITY...

AMON!
NO!



NO.
BROTHER...

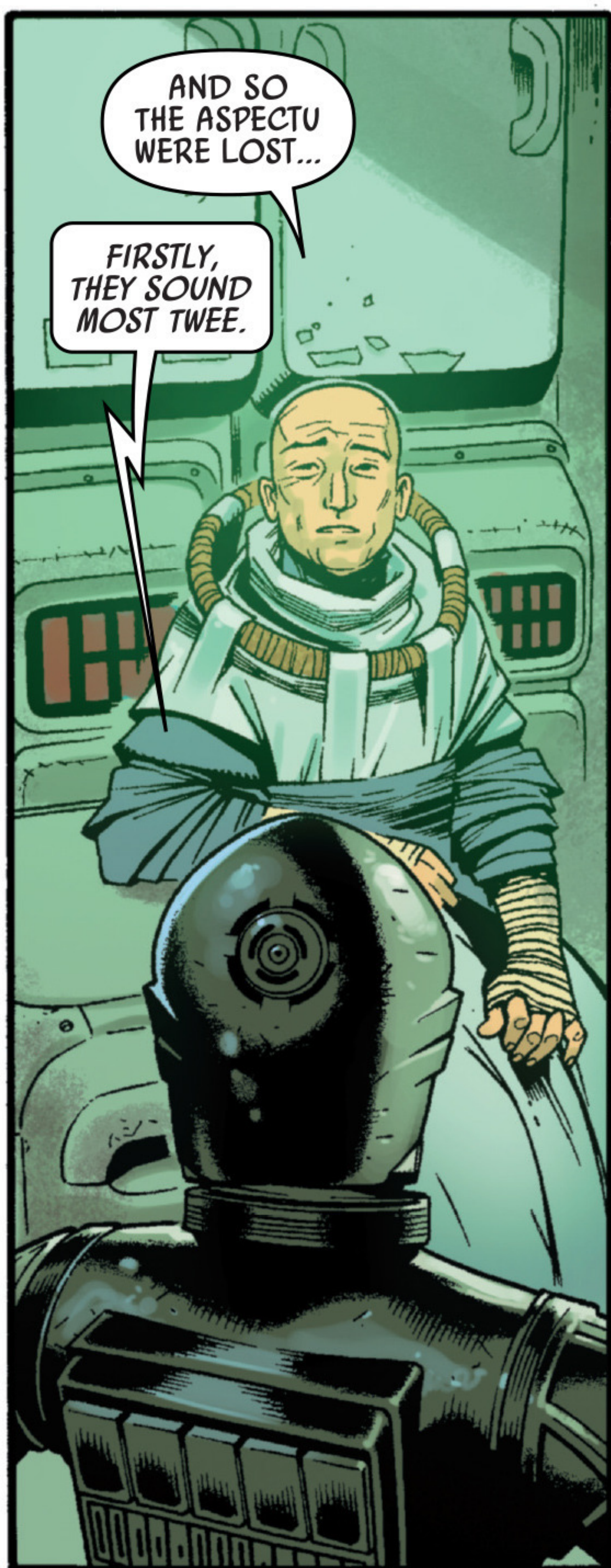
ANOTHER
LOST
ETERNITY.



THEY
FORCE OUR
HAND. WE
MUST ACT...

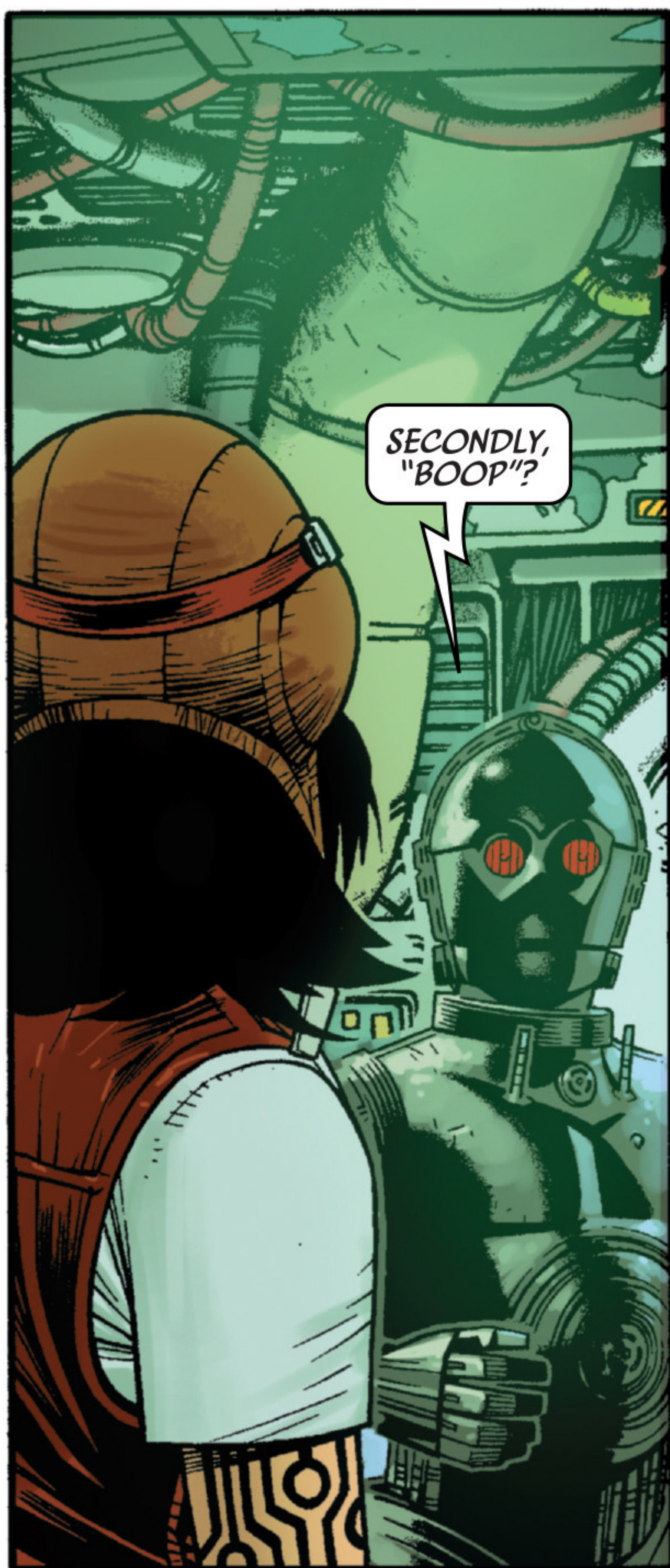
WE MUST
TRY...

KLIK



AND SO
THE ASPECTU
WERE LOST...

FIRSTLY,
THEY SOUND
MOST TWE.



SECONDLY,
"BOOP"?



PET NAME.
YOU TELL ANYONE,
AND I'LL DO TO YOU
WHAT YOU WANT TO
DO TO EVERYONE
ELSE, TRIPLE-
ZERO.

I'M NOT
JOKING.



SOME BELIEVE
THEY'VE BEEN
TRANSPORTED
TO A HIGHER FORM
OF EXISTENCE...BUT
THERE ARE OTHER
THEORIES.

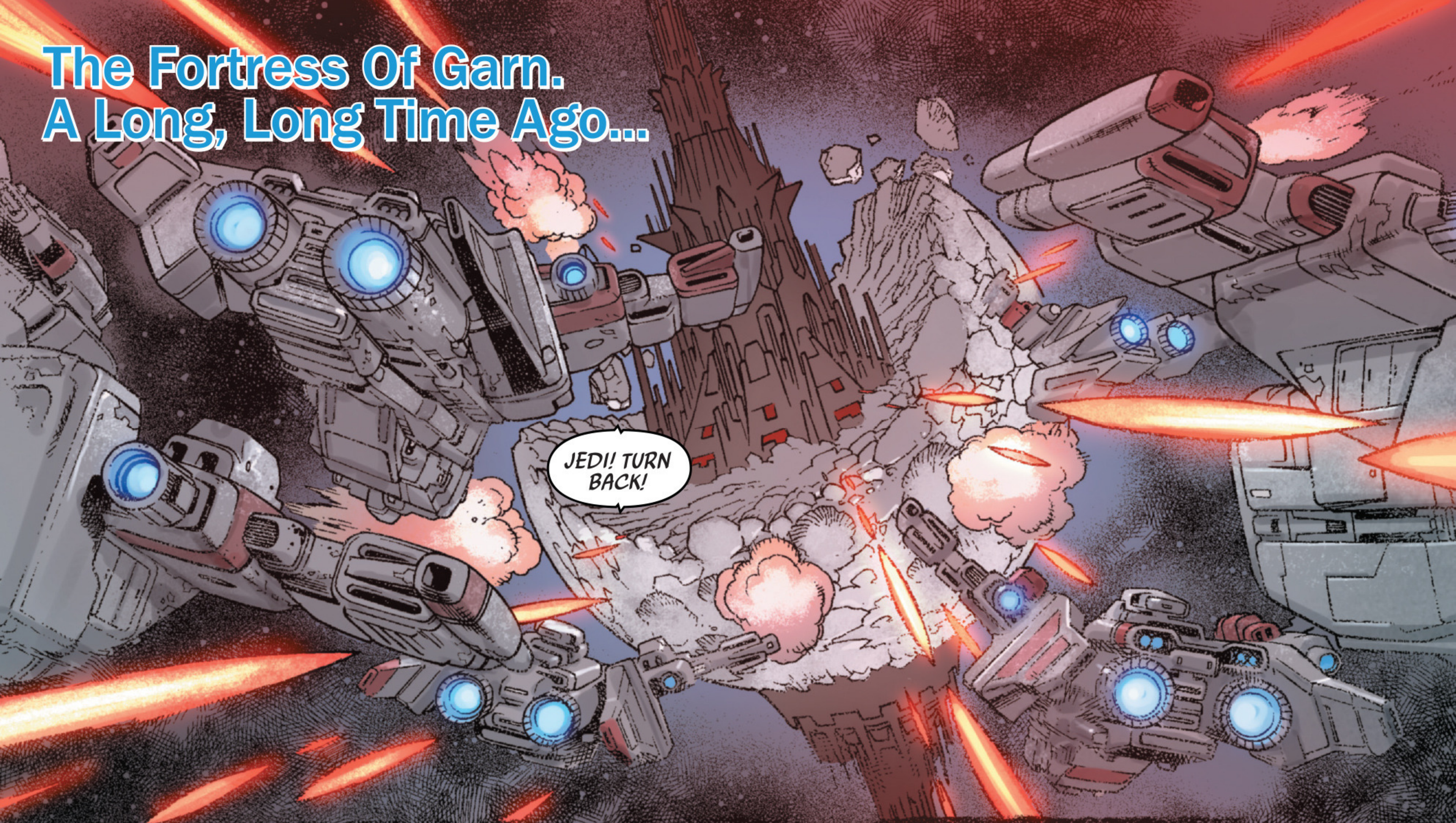
I PERSONALLY
BELIEVE IT WORKED.
RUR FOUND IMMORTALITY,
AND IF WE CAN FIND THE
CITADEL OF GARN IT WOULD
PRECIPITATE A SPIRITUAL
RENAISSANCE, AN AWAKENING
OF THE FORCE
FOR ALL...



YEAH,
THAT'S YOUR
THEORY.

YOU KNOW
WHAT'S JUST
AS LIKELY...?

The Fortress Of Garn.
A Long, Long Time Ago...



JEDI! TURN
BACK!



IF YOU
DO NOT RETREAT,
WE WILL SLAY THE
PADAWANS!

RUR!
WHAT ARE YOU
SAYING?



WE HAVE
TO KILL THEM!
IT'S THE ONLY
WAY!

AYE--SO
WHAT MATTERS IF WE
LIE? IT'S A SMALL CRIME
COMPARED TO OUR GREAT
DESECRATION?

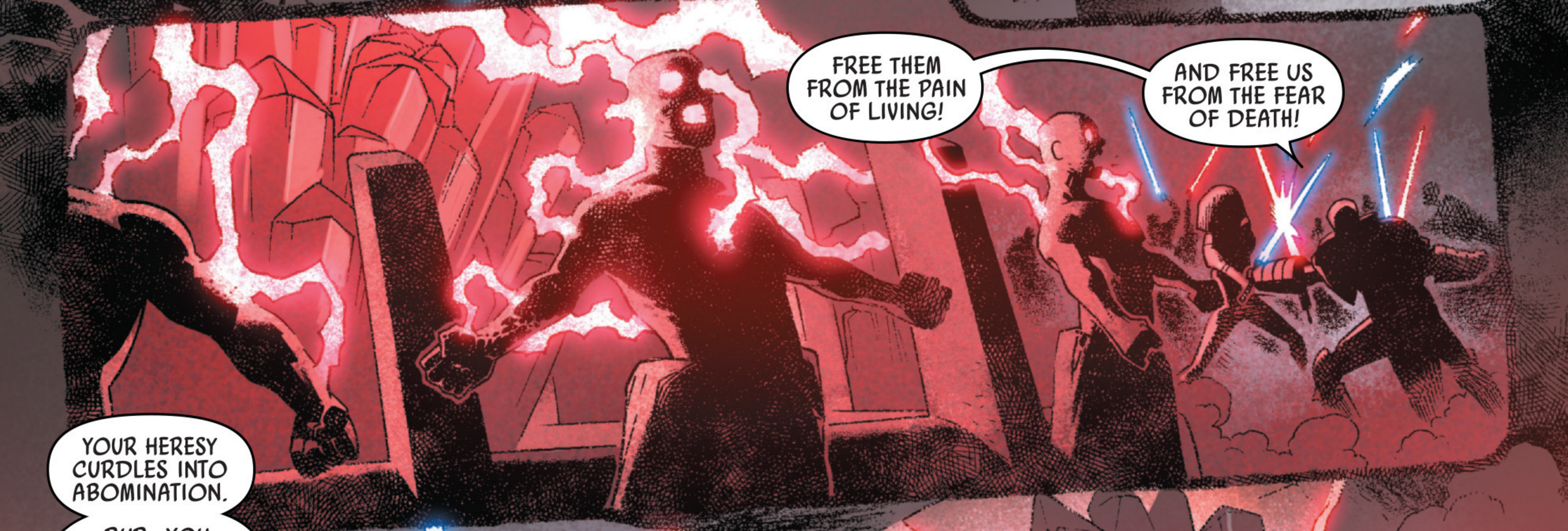
WE SEEK THE
LIFE ETERNAL--AND
WE WILL SACRIFICE
ANYTHING FOR
THAT!

BAW! BOO!



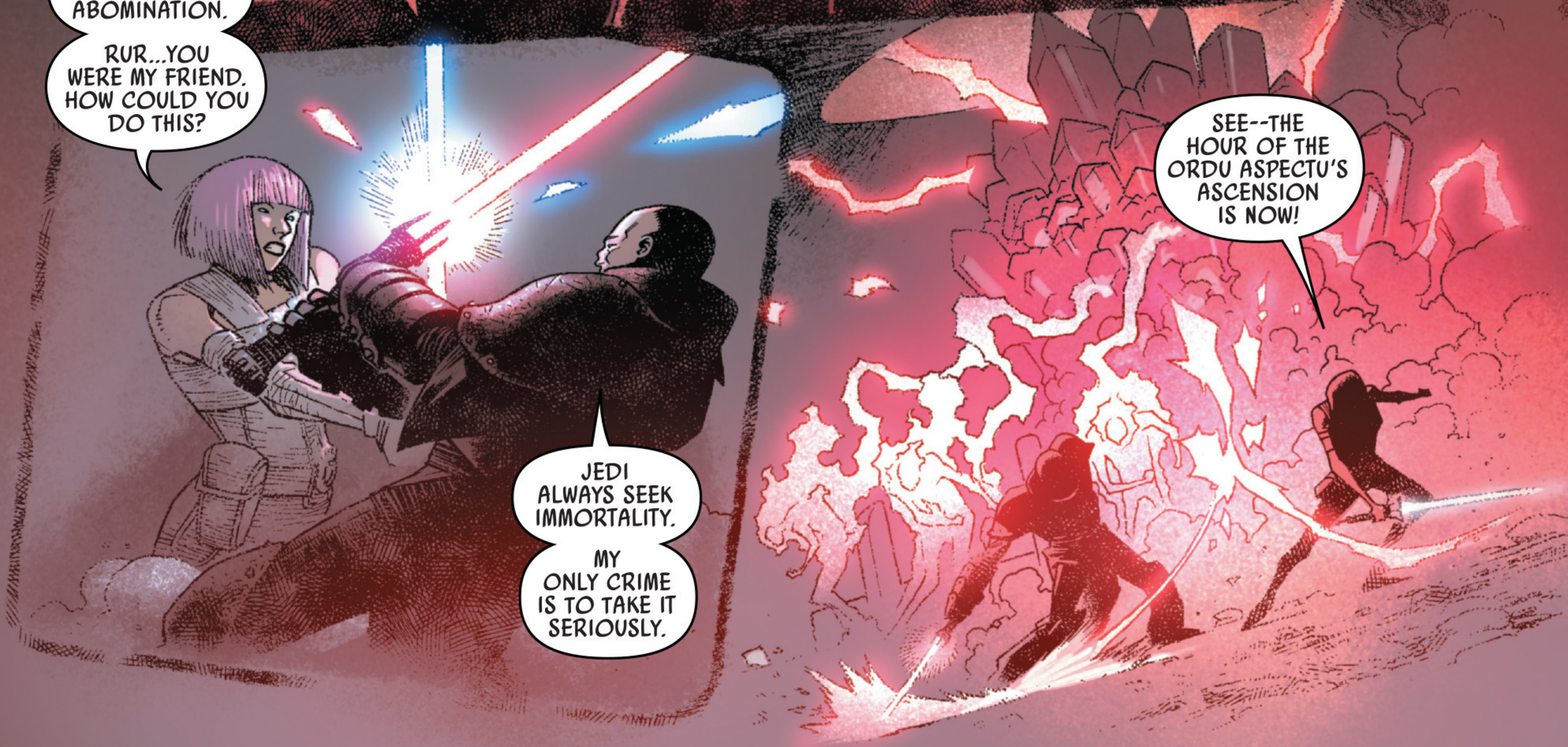
YOUR HERESY IS OVER!
FREE THE PADAWANS!

CERTAINLY.



FREE THEM FROM THE PAIN OF LIVING!

AND FREE US FROM THE FEAR OF DEATH!



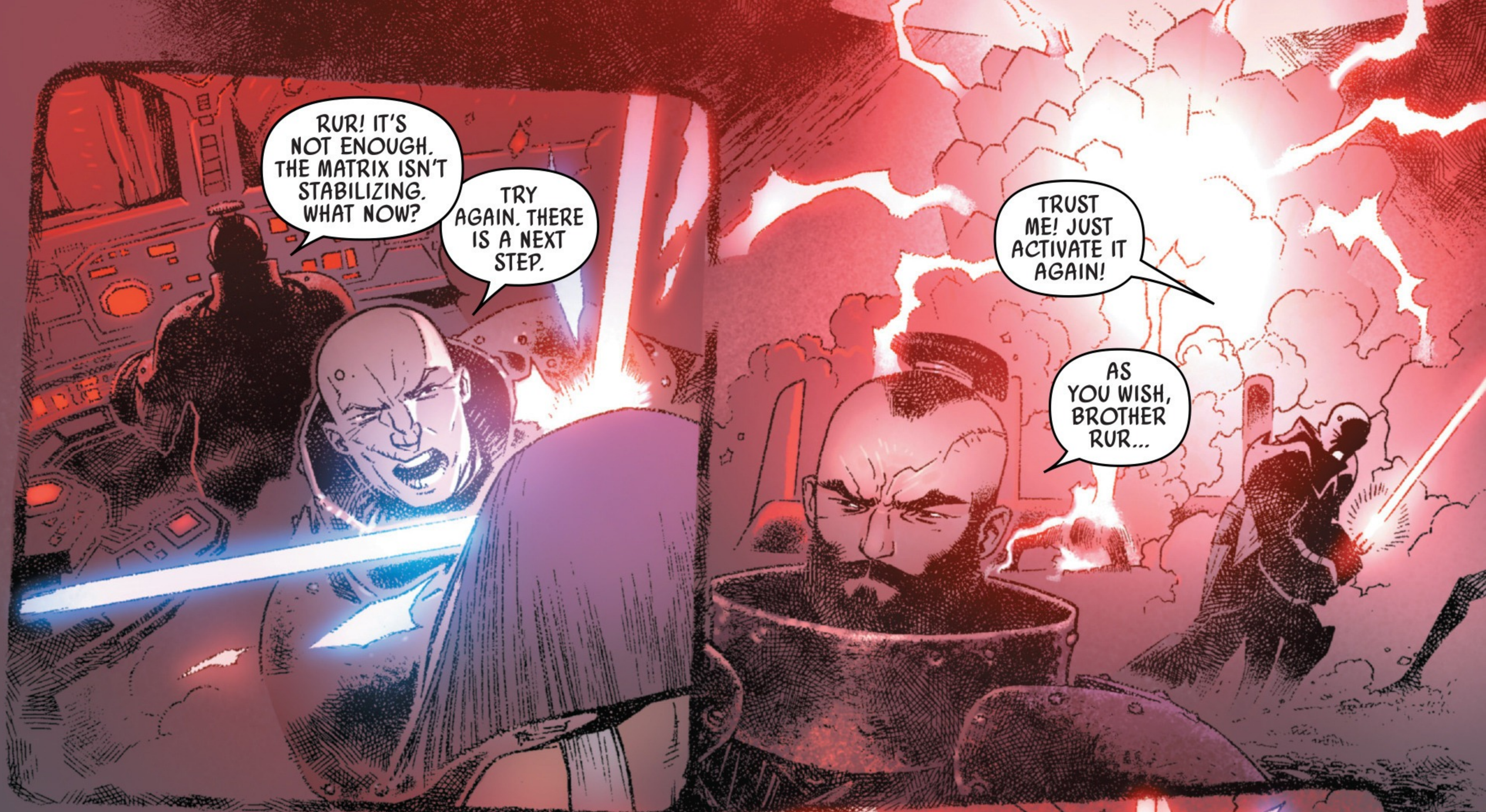
YOUR HERESY CURDLES INTO ABOMINATION.

RUR...YOU WERE MY FRIEND. HOW COULD YOU DO THIS?

JEDI ALWAYS SEEK IMMORTALITY.

MY ONLY CRIME IS TO TAKE IT SERIOUSLY.

SEE--THE HOUR OF THE ORDU ASPECTU'S ASCENSION IS NOW!





WELL, NOW THEY
SOUND MOST
DELIGHTFUL.

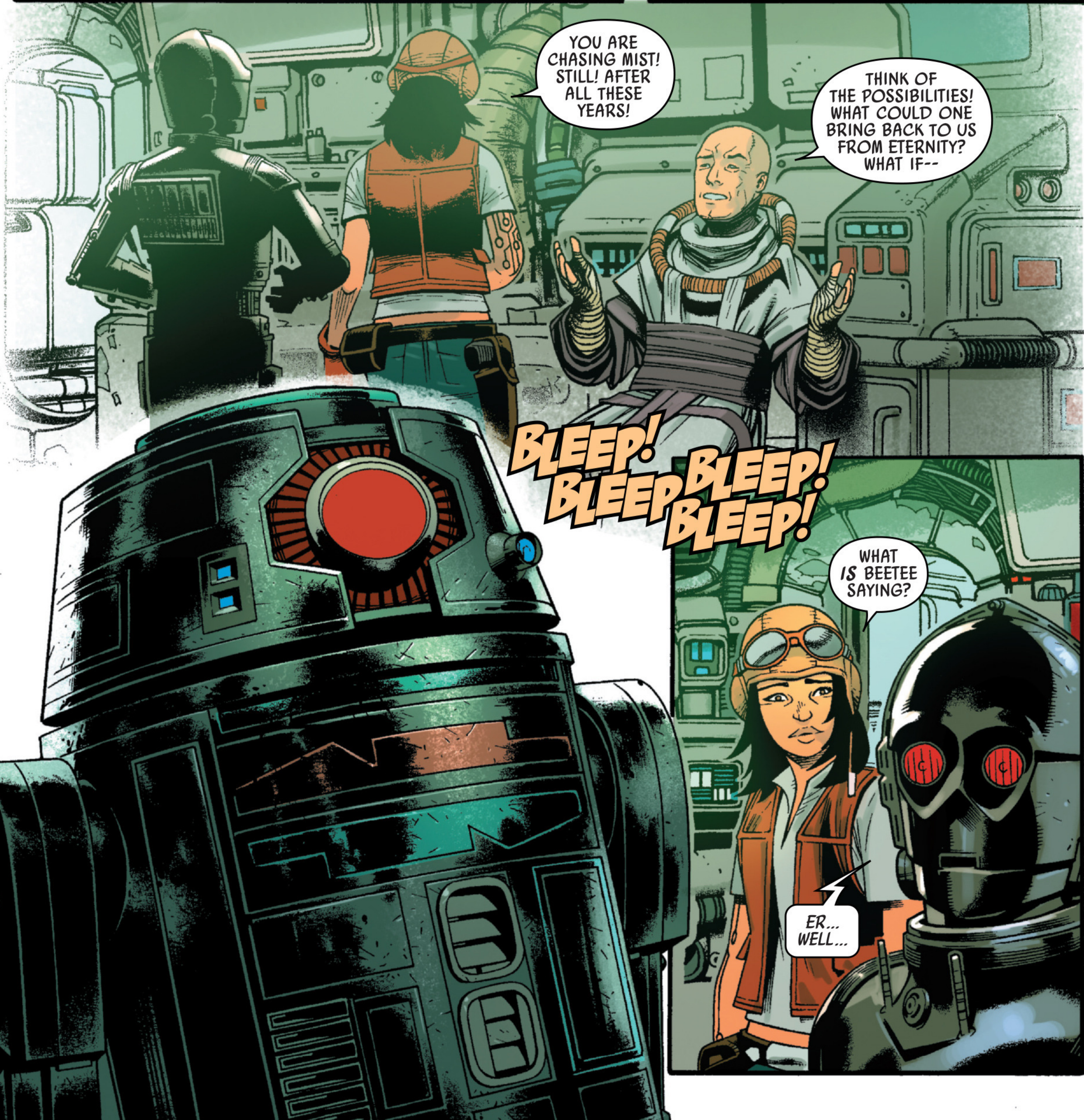
THERE'S
ABOUT AS MUCH
EVIDENCE FOR THAT
AS YOUR FAIRY
TALE, DAD.

IF
THEY EVER
EXISTED.



THERE'S A
READING OF THE
ORDU ASPECTU THAT
SUGGESTS THE HERESY
ISN'T ABOUT ETERNAL LIFE
BUT THE POSSESSIVE
INFINITIVE.

IT WAS AN
ARGUMENT
BETWEEN JEDI
GRAMMARIANS.



YOU ARE
CHASING MIST!
STILL! AFTER
ALL THESE
YEARS!

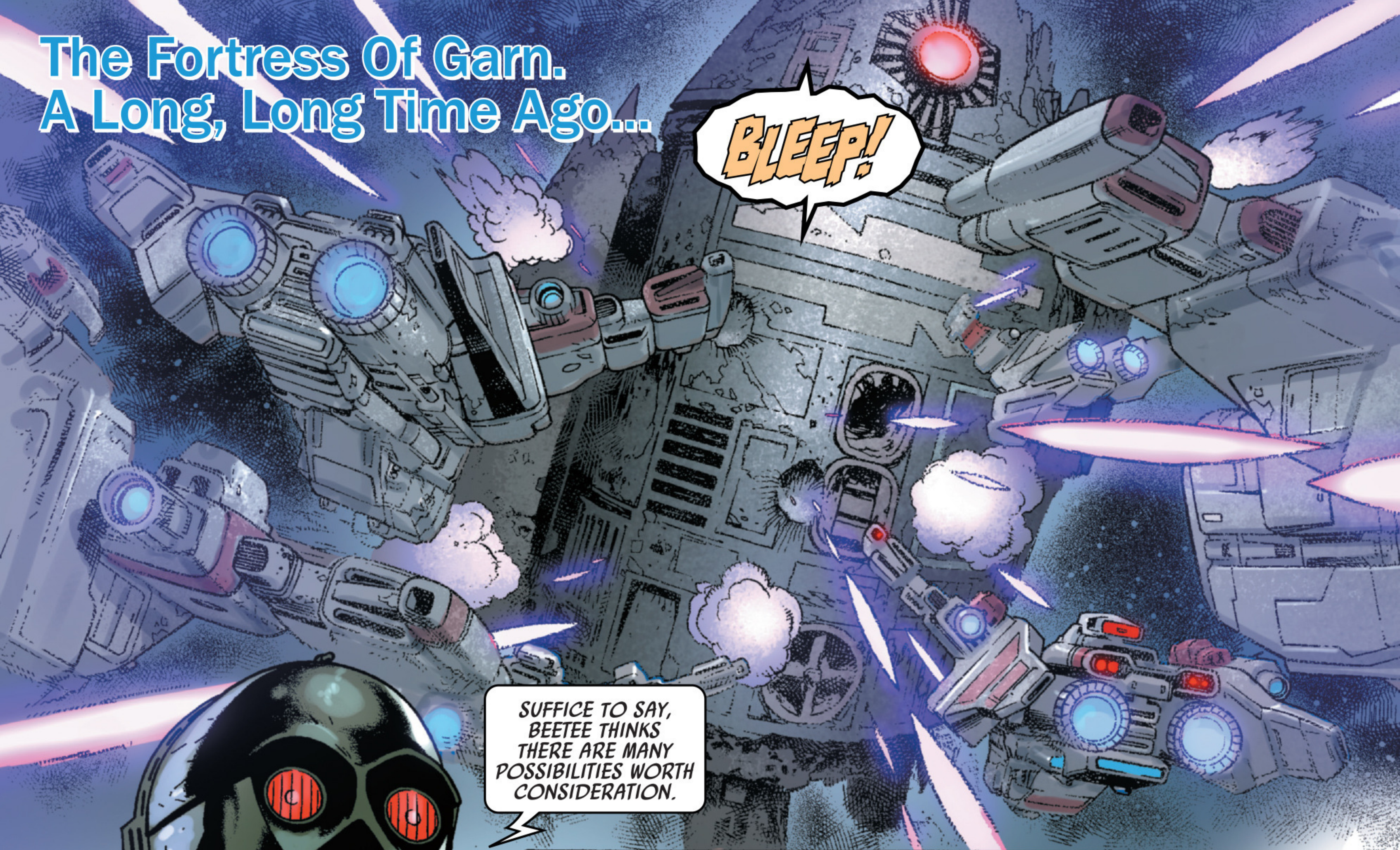
THINK OF
THE POSSIBILITIES!
WHAT COULD ONE
BRING BACK TO US
FROM ETERNITY?
WHAT IF--

**BLEEP!
BLEEP BLEEP!
BLEEP!**

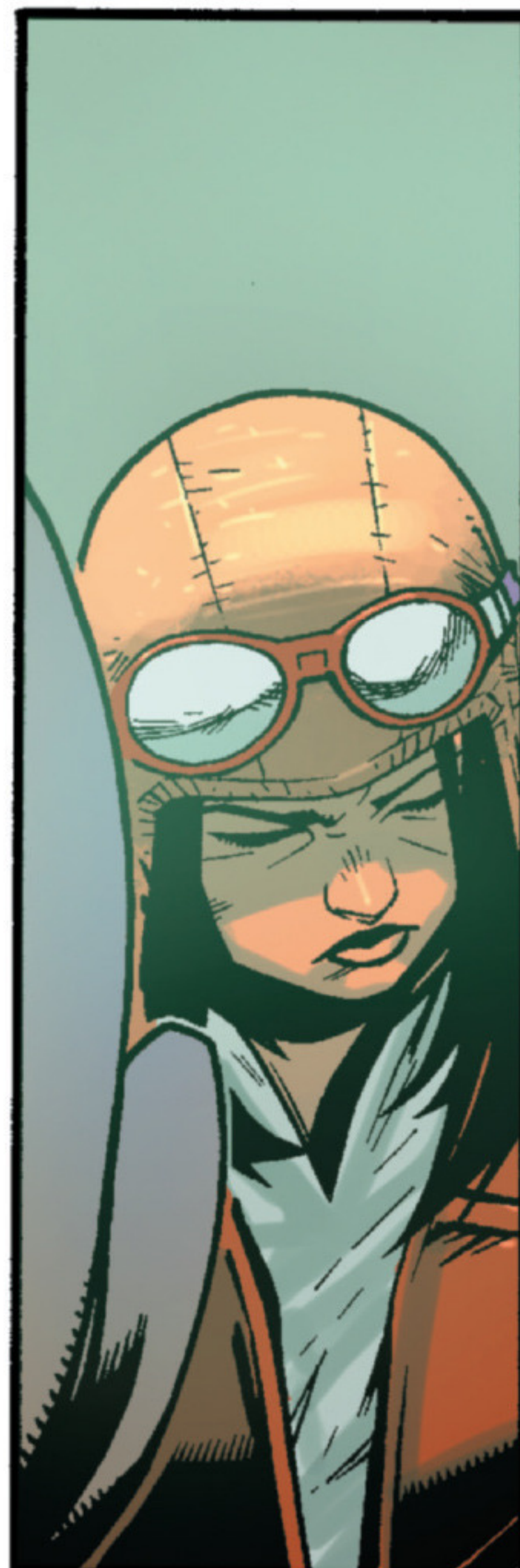
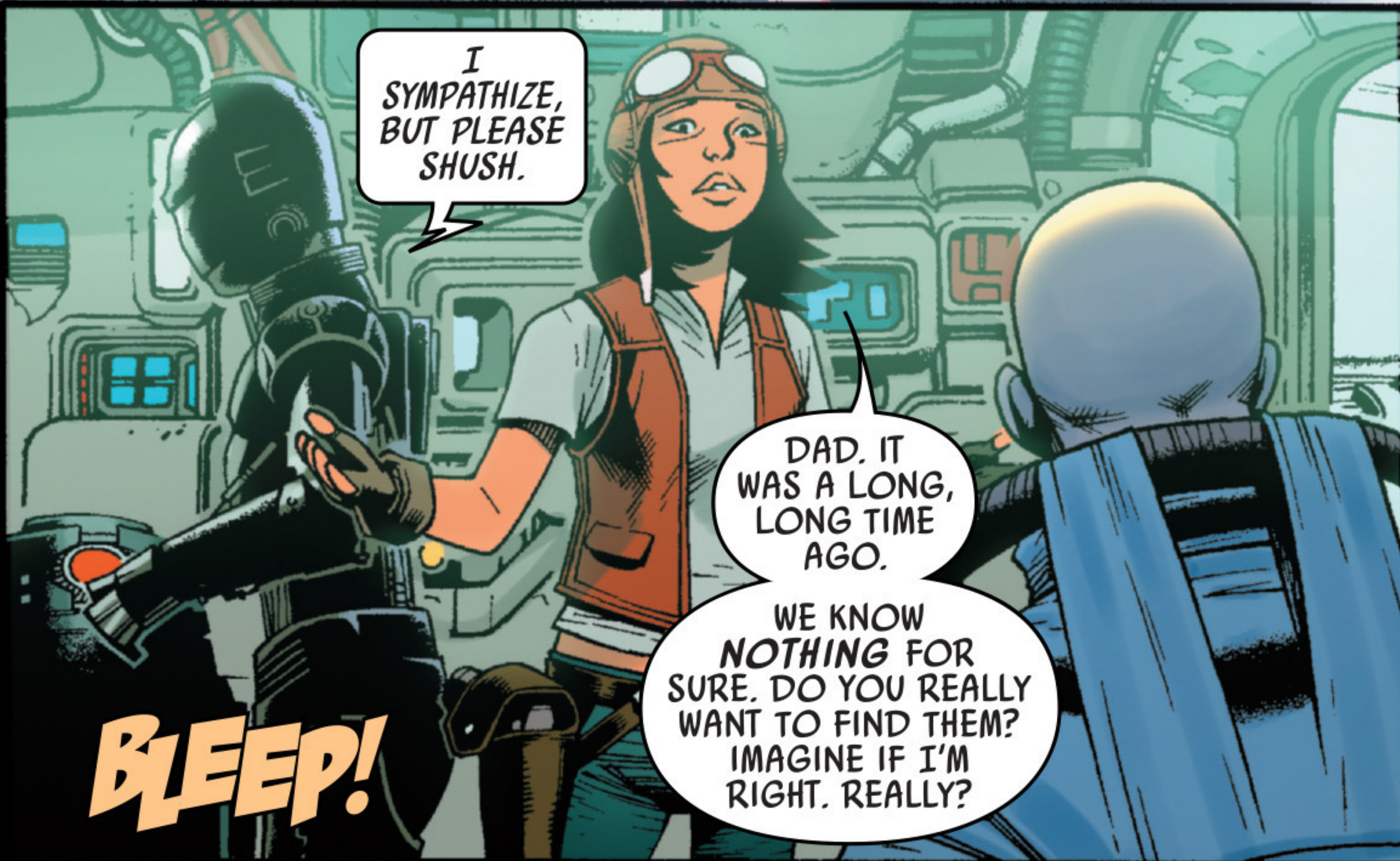
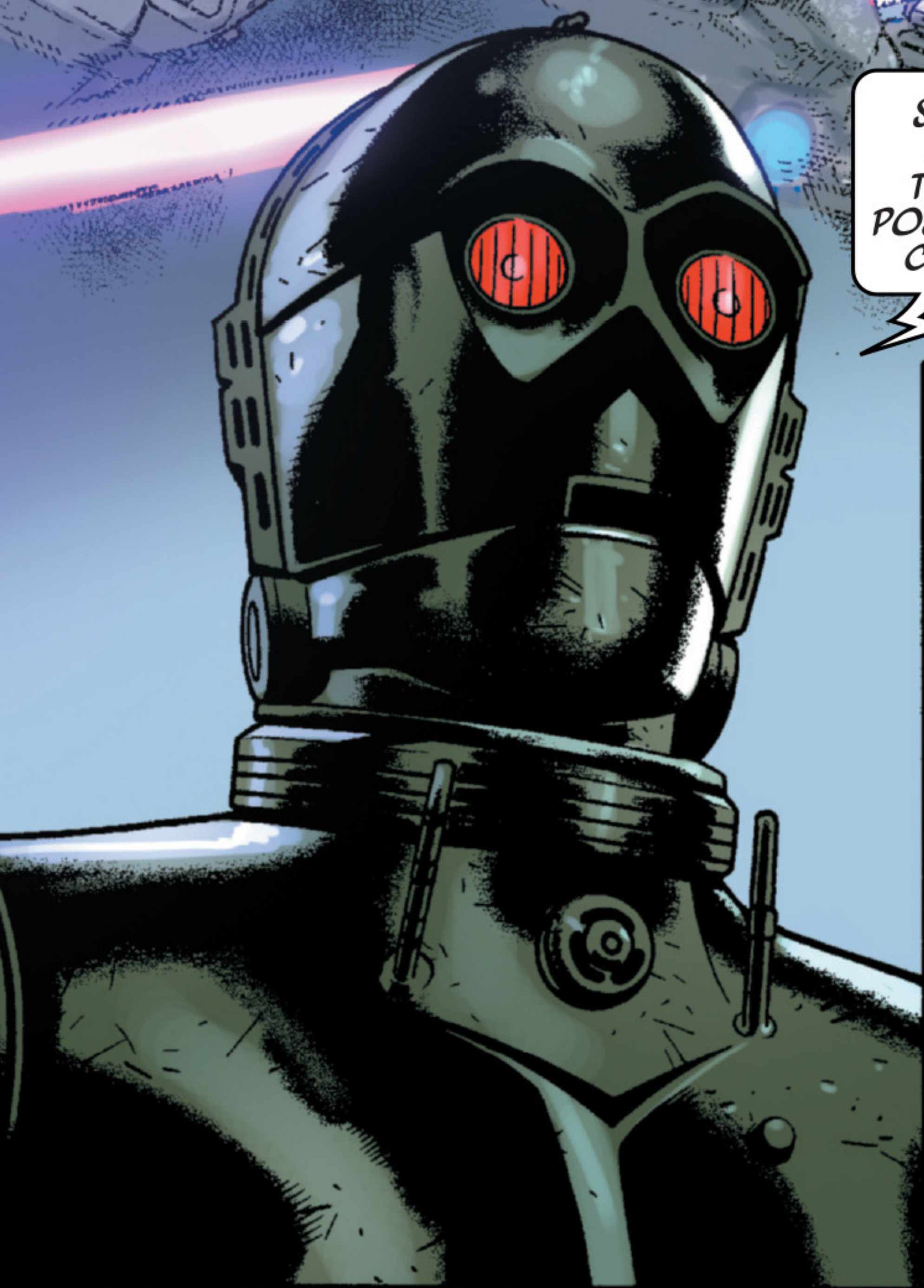
WHAT
IS BEETEE
SAYING?

ER...
WELL...

The Fortress Of Garn. A Long, Long Time Ago...

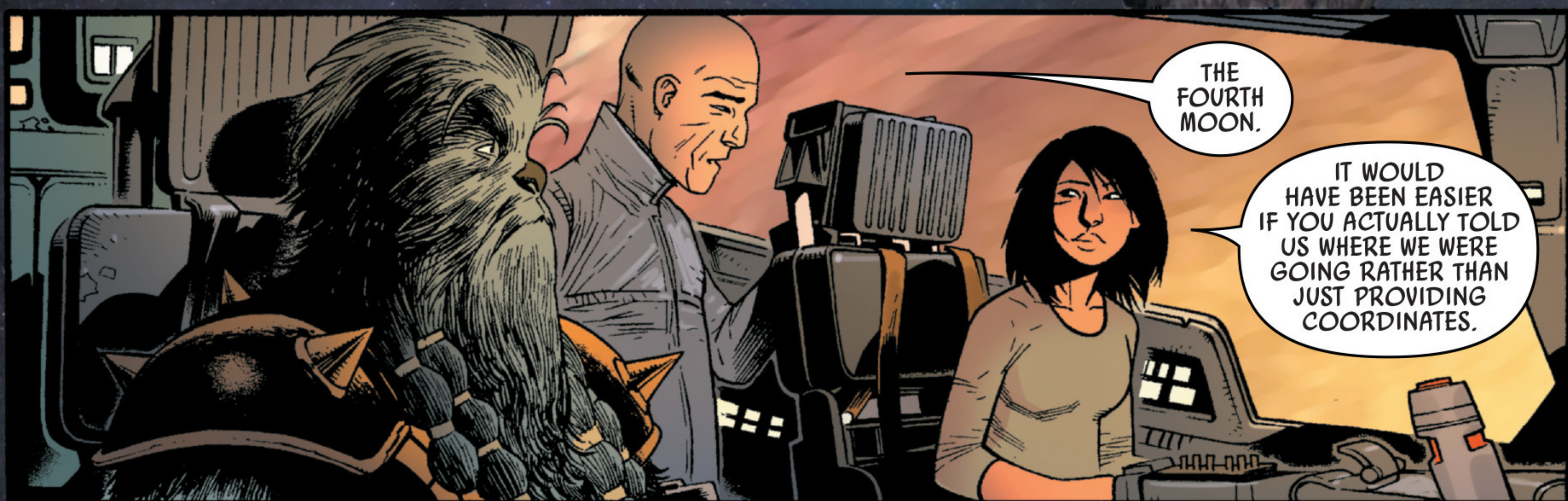


SUFFICE TO SAY,
BEETEE THINKS
THERE ARE MANY
POSSIBILITIES WORTH
CONSIDERATION.





OKAY.
WHICH ONE,
DAD?



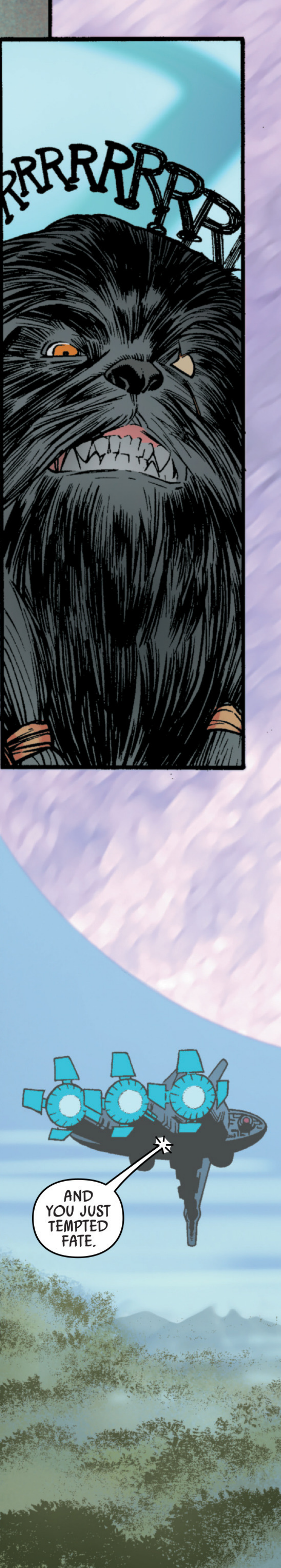
THE
FOURTH
MOON.

IT WOULD
HAVE BEEN EASIER
IF YOU ACTUALLY TOLD
US WHERE WE WERE
GOING RATHER THAN
JUST PROVIDING
COORDINATES.



JUNIOR, I
MAY BE OLD, AND
I MAY BE IDEALISTIC,
BUT I KNOW YOU. YOU
THREATENED TO TORTURE
ME. I'VE HAD TO
BLACKMAIL YOU TO
MAKE YOU
HELP ME...

I CERTAINLY
DON'T TRUST
YOU. YOU GET
INFORMATION AS
AND WHEN YOU
NEED IT...





THE
COMPLEX
SHOULD BE IN
THE NEXT
VALLEY...



...DOWN
THERE.



OH,
HELL.



OH,
"ABANDONED,"
RIGHT? A "NICE
WALK IN THE
FOREST,"
RIGHT?
HAVE
A LOOK,
DAD!

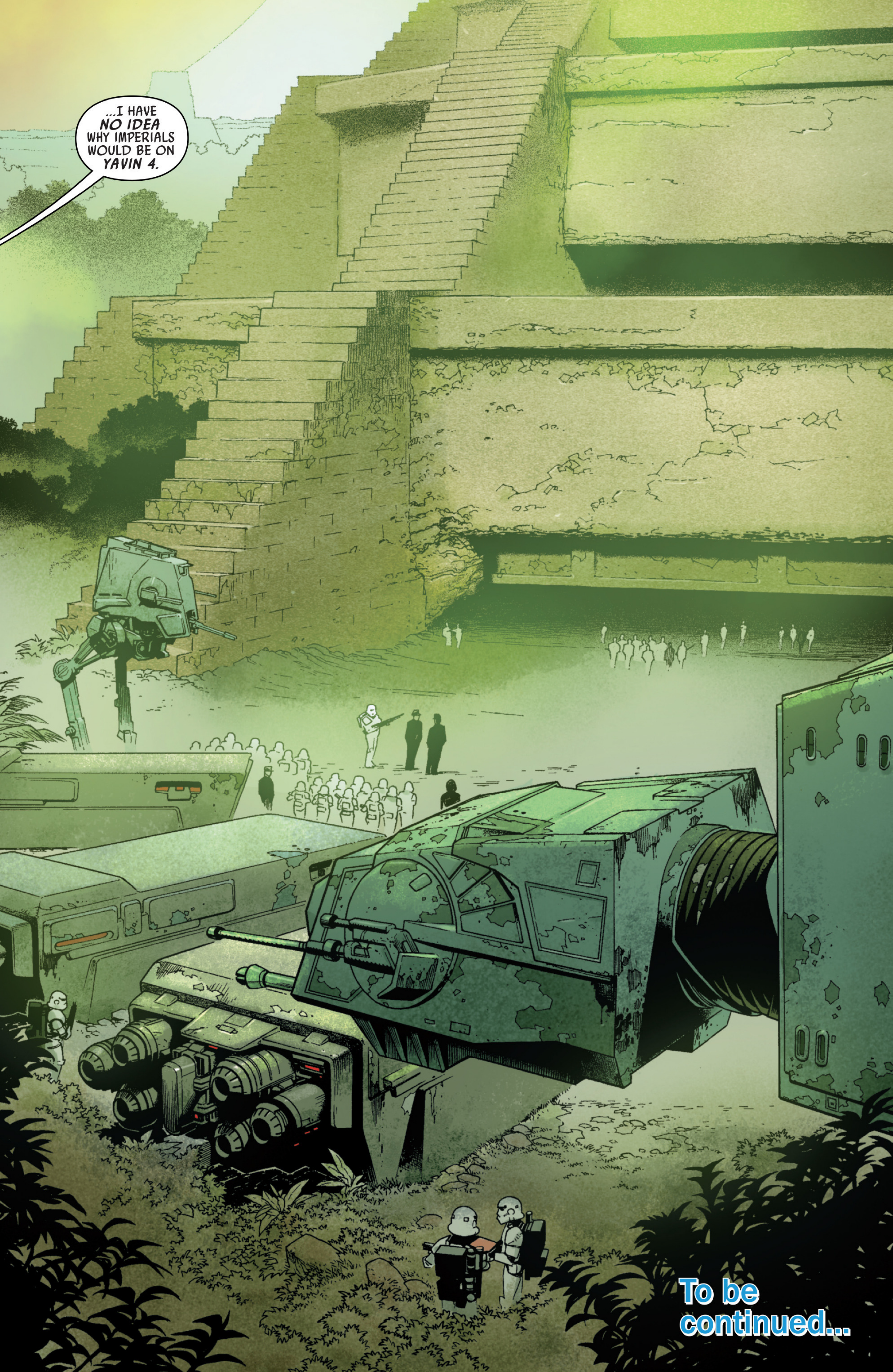


WHERE
HAVE YOU
TAKEN US,
DAD?

I...I...DON'T
KNOW WHAT
COULD HAVE
HAPPENED.

THIS IS AN
ISOLATED
MOON...

...I HAVE
NO IDEA
WHY IMPERIALS
WOULD BE ON
YAVIN 4.



To be
continued...

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NEXT ISSUE!



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